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#### **NATIONAL REPORT**

#### Reps. John Lewis And J.C. Watts Seek Bill To Recognize Slaves' Work In Building Capitol





Rep. John Lewis

Rep. J.C. Watts

An extraordinary lawmaking pair—Georgia Rep. John Lewis, a veteran of civil rights demonstrations, and Oklahoma Rep. J.C. Watts, the only Black Republican in the House—teamed up to support a resolution to recognize the contribution of slaves in building the nation's most prized symbol of freedom—the U.S. Capitol.

The resolution calls for the creation of a Special Task Force to study the history and contributions of slave laborers in constructing the U.S. Capitol.

"Up until now, few have known of the extraordinary contributions made by African-Americans in the building of the U.S. Capitol," said Rep. Watts. "It's time the role African-Americans played be fully realized and they be given the honorable recognition that they deserve."

An NBC report by reporter Ed Hotaling recently aired, pointing out

that of 650 laborers working in the building of the U.S. Capitol between 1792 and 1800, over 400 were enslaved African-Americans. The high percentage of slaves continued for almost a century.

"This year we celebrate the bicentennial of the arrival of Congress here in Washington," said Watts. "Now is the time to recognize the people who made that possible."

Congressman Lewis, added, "I

think most of us have known all along that African-Americans, slave and free, helped build our Capitol building, just like they helped build so many of our other federal buildings and national monuments, including the White House.

"Who were these men who worked here?" he asked. "What happened to them? We need to find a fitting and lasting memorial to these men—in the building they built."



**■** GIFT OF LIFE: Jane Smith, a Fayetteville, NC. middle-school teacher who donated her kidney to her student, Michael Carter (r). wears the National Kidney Foundation's Gift. of Life medal at the foundation's annual volunteer recognition banquet in Concord. NC. The Gift of Life medal is the highest award given by the foundation. Smith and Carter made headlines when she offered Carter her kidney after he revealed to her that he was waiting for a transplant (JET, May 8).

# IMPORTANT NEWS FOR AT&T BASIC PLAN CUSTOMERS

You may have read recent news reports of changes we are making in some of our rates. We believe these changes will lower costs for many of our customers, and offer all callers a greater choice of competitively priced plans to meet their needs. Specifically:

- Beginning with July bills, we eliminated the \$3.00 monthly minimum usage charge. This change was made possible by the FCC's recent approval of lowered access fees local phone companies charge long distance companies. This immediately benefited about 15 million of our customers who make few or no long distance calls.
- In addition, beginning July 1, AT&T's bills will no longer include a separate monthly "line charge" of \$1.51. Together, these two changes will save infrequent callers as much as \$4.51 in those months when they make few or no long distance calls.
- Also effective July 1, because of the elimination of the monthly minimum usage charge, we are adjusting state-to-state rates on our Basic Plan. Weekday calls will be 29.5¢ during the day (7 am-7 pm) and 22.5¢ during the evening (7 pm-7 am). Weekend calls will be 14.5¢ a minute. (It's worth noting that even with these changes, AT&T daytime weekday rates will, on average, be lower than MCI's and Sprint's.)
- Also on July 1, we are introducing a family of basic calling plans for infrequent long distance callers, which feature low rates on the most popular calling days, and have no fees or minimum usage requirements.

To help customers choose the right plan for them, we are mailing the details to about 28 million households.

The new plans, called AT&T 10¢ Sunday Basic and AT&T 10¢ Saturday Basic, will offer a state-to-state rate of 10¢ a minute on the weekend day of your choice. Weekday calls will be 29.5¢ during the day and 22.5¢ during the evenings, and calls on the other weekend day will be 18¢—all with no monthly fee or minimum usage requirement.

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Of course, we continue to offer plans for more frequent callers who want a consistent low rate all day, every day. Most of these plans involve monthly fees. If you are already on one of these plans, your rates are unaffected.

We urge our Basic Plan customers to review the letter they receive, take a look at their calling patterns and choose the AT&T plan that best suits their needs. We hope these changes will make it even easier for you to find the best value in long distance services.

To see AT&T's letter to customers right now, click on www.att.com/basicplan/ or for more information, call 1-800-293-9465.





▲ The Balkans Trade Mission Memorial, which stands in the Rotunda of the Commerce Department in Washington, D.C., features a life-size bronze bust of late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown in front of a 7-foot bronze flag mounted on a polished black granite base. Golden relief stars and stripes carry the names and contributions of those lost in the tragic airplane crash, in addition to dedications written by their families. The monument is the work of acclaimed Black sculptress Tina Allen of North Hills, CA.

## First Black Commerce Secretary Ron Brown And His Trade Mission Honored With Commerce Department Memorial

President Clinton often praised the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown for "revolutionizing the department's role in our lives." "He made our passion for trade a force not only in our economic life but in our foreign policy," the president once said in praise of the work of the first Black to hold the post.

The substance of Brown's contributions are now heroically illustrated by the Balkans Trade Mission Memorial, recently put on display in the lobby of the department's building in Washington, D.C.

In a booklet distributed by depart-

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ment employees, the first sentence begins, "On April 3, 1996, the Department of Commerce suffered the greatest tragedy in its history when 35 people perished in a plane crash while conducting a trade mission to the Balkans" (JET, April 22, 1996).

"Ronald H. Brown, then Secretary of Commerce, was leading a delegation of private sector businessmen and government officials on a trade mission to seek ways to implement the civilian aspects of the Dayton Peace Accords through trade ties and investment opportunities," the statement continues.

"It was a mission of hope for the war-torn region and an opportunity for American business. The members ◀ The plaque that dedicates the Balkans Trade Mission Memorial cites the ill-fated trade delegation's goal of starting economic reconstruction projects in Bosnia and Croatia. Secretary Brown was the first U.S. Cabinet secretary ever to be killed on an overseas mission.

of the trade mission thought they would be able to use the power of the American economy to help the peace take hold in the Balkans. Their quest was cut short on an unwelcoming mountain in Croatia."

President Clinton is quoted on the first page, stating, "Our loved ones and friends loved their country, and they loved serving their country.... They knew what their country had given them, and they gave it back with a force, an energy,

an optimism that every one of us can be proud of."

Brown, in the memorial literature, was described as a New York native who served as an Army captain in Germany, and later graduated from St. John's law school. After a stint with the National Urban League, he entered politics and became the first Black Chairman of the Democratic Party. "He was a role model for all Americans," read the text. "He loved politics and believed in the dignity and power of public service."

Daily, hundreds pause at the memorial, reflecting on the 35 trade mission members who made the supreme sacrifice and have not been forgotten.



◀ John H. Johnson, founder and publisher of EBONY and JET Magazines, is presented with The Marshall Field History Maker Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation by last year's recipient, John H. Bryan, CEO of the Sara Lee Corporation, from the Chicago Historical Society.

John H. Johnson, founder and publisher of EBONY and JET Magazines, was among a group of distinguished Chicagoans who were honored by the Chicago Historical Society for the significant roles they played in helping shape the city and its history.

Johnson received The

#### John H. Johnson Honored By Chicago Historical Society With 'Making History Award'



▶ Johnson's wife, Eunice W. Johnson, Johnson Publishing Company's (JPC) secretary-treasurer and director of Ebony Fashion Fair, and daughter, Linda Johnson Rice, JPC president and chief operating officer, were on hand to show their support.

Marshall Field History Maker Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation at the annual Making History Awards ceremony.

"The Making History Awards is one of the many ways in which the Chicago Historical Society documents and preserves the history of our society, while at the same time recognizing individuals who have made towering contributions to their respective fields and Chicago," says Henry W. Howell, chair of the awards program. The awards bear the names of individuals who

◆Publisher John H. Johnson displays his award along with other honorees (1-r) Garry Wills, Pulitzer Prizewinning historian; Lois Weisberg, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs; Eppie Lederer, worldrenowned syndicated columnist; and Lester Crown, president of Henry Crown and Company and chairman of the Material Service Corporation.

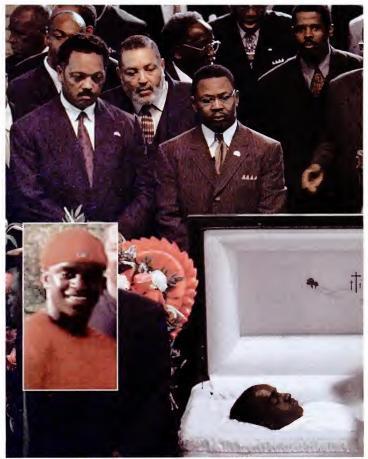


also have made a lasting impact on Chicago's history.

Also honored at the Making History Awards were: Lester Crown. president of Henry Crown and Company and chairman of the Material Service Corporation, with The Bertha Honoré Palmer History Maker Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership: Eppie Lederer. the most widely syndicated columnist in the world, with The Joseph Medill History Maker Award for Distinction in Journalism and Communications: Lois Weisberg, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, with The Harold Washington History Maker Award for Distinction in Public Service; and Garry Wills, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, with The John Hope Franklin History Maker Award for Distinction in Historical Scholarship.

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#### Mississippi Hanging Of Black Teen Raises Racial Questions





▲ Rev. Jackson accompanies Raynard Johnson's parents, Jerry and Maria Johnson, to their son's funeral services. Raynard was an honor student and planned to attend college.

Noises in the night and possible anger over his friendship with two White girls raise a red flag that a Black Mississippi teenager's death may have been a lynching, the Rev. Jesse Jackson says.

"It has the smell of Emmett Till all

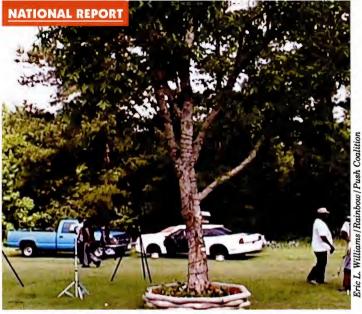
◀ The Rev. Jesse Jackson (l) and other ministers attend the funeral services for Raynard Johnson (inset) at the First Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Sandy Hook, MS. Raynard Johnson, 17, of Kokomo, MS, was found hanging from a pecan tree in his front yard. His family believes it was a lynching but authorities have ruled it a suicide.

around it, and these questions have to be answered," Jackson said of the death of Raynard Johnson, 17, of Kokomo, MS.

Johnson's body was found by his father hanging by a belt from a pecan tree in front of their rural home.

Rev. Jackson later took part in Johnson's funeral at a red brick church in the Sandy Hook community about 15 miles south of Kokomo.

Authorities said after Johnson's death that medical examiners found evidence on the body consistent with



▲ The body of Raynard Johnson was found hanging from this pecan tree in the yard of his family's home in rural Kokomo, MS.

▶ Rev. Jackson examines the tree where Raynard's body was found. "No one believes it is suicide," Jackson says. Raynard's body was found by his father, hanging by a belt from the tree.





A Rev. Jackson, who has called for a federal investigation of the teen's death, speaks at Raynard Johnson's funeral services. He said the death "has the smell of Emmett Till all around it, and these questions have to be answered."

suicide. But Rev. Jackson and family members say there are too many unanswered questions, including why Johnson would want to take his own life.

Jackson said the 17-year-old had

just purchased his first computer and was looking forward to the family picnic. He died the day before the picnic was to take place.

"I know that my son did not do this to himself," said Maria Johnson, who has pushed for a federal investigation.

Jackson compared Johnson's death to that of Emmett Till, a Black Chicago teenager who was murdered in 1955 while visiting relatives in Mississippi.

Jackson said someone may have been angry because of Johnson's friendship with two 17-year-old White girls. Till was abducted and murdered for allegedly whistling at a White woman.

Jackson said family members reported that Johnson heard noises outside their

home on each of the two nights before his death. He said family members said Johnson walked outside and fired a gun into the air on both occasions to scare possible intruders away. More federal involvement in the investiga-

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tion is needed, Jackson said.

Jackson said a White neighbor reported seeing cars and pick up trucks had gathered down the road near the Johnson house on all three nights leading up to Johnson's alleged murder.

A racial slur "Kill All Niggers" had been spray-painted on a bridge near the Johnson home about the time of Raynard's death, Jackson said.

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove said that local and state officers, along with the FBI, were working on the case. "We want to know what the truth is," Musgrove said.

Jayson Hathorn, a Marion County sheriff's investigator, said that his agency's investigation "is ongoing, and it has been from the very beginning of this case. We are considering every possible lead, and we are following up on those leads."

The FBI in Jackson, MS, said it began its investigation and its findings would be forwarded to the Justice Department.

District Attorney Claiborne Mc-Donald said that once his investigation is completed, the findings will be made public.

Kokomo, where Raynard Johnson lived, is a racially-mixed, rural community with a population of 1,000, of which 30 percent is Black and 70 percent is White. It is located 130 miles southeast of Jackson, MS. The family's home is nestled in a wooded area across from a cow pasture.

Among concerns raised by Jackson and Johnson's family was that the belt used in the hanging did not belong to the teenager.

"No one believes it is suicide, Jackson said. "The family does not believe it was suicide. He had just gotten a computer. He was outgoing. He was in the Top 5 percentile on his test scores. He was very bright, had scholarships in electrical engineering which he was going to pursue at Jackson State or Mississippi State. He was going to the family picnic the next day. A lot of signs point upwards. He was excited about life."

A well-liked teen, he would have been a senior at Marion High School in nearby Columbia, MS. A gifted athlete, he planned to play split end on the West Marion High football team.

There were about 1,500 mourners at Johnson's funeral at the First Bethel Baptist Church in Sandy Hook, MS, and about a fifth of them were White, Jackson said. "Many of them were sobbing and were very sympathetic to the family."

A tearful Larry Earles, a White neighbor, told mourners at the funeral: "We are here today to remember a son and a brother. He was my son because he didn't see me on the outside, he saw me on the inside. Cry with me, grieve with me, and remember."

Johnson is survived by his parents, Jerry and Maria Johnson, two brothers, Rondale Johnson and Roger Johnson, and two sisters, Ramona Hatcher and Rhonda Hatcher, other relatives and a host of friends.

## TICKER TAPE by Simeon Booker, Washington Bureau Chief

Confidential: When Charlottesville, VA. council members considered naming a street for Sallie Hemings, a slave who gave birth to several children of former U.S. President Thomas Jefferson. Charlottesville Tribune publisher Agnes Cross-White went on the war path. "I don't want my daughter to think that the highest position she can achieve is to be the concubine of a White man," the Black Weekly newspaper publisher railed, touching off a second Civil War in the Virginia town. The mayor eventually withdrew the bill. After the news appeared in papers in this country and around the world. Cross-White became a celebrity. Her new project now is to start a political magazine...Regarded as a liberal state. Massachusetts has 12 House and Senate members who have no Blacks in

top-ranking positions, according to the Boston Herald newspaper. Interestingly, most of the lawmakers have just one Black staffer who serves in a midor low-level position...Why have Black schoolchildren suddenly lost reading and math skills? Harvard researcher Ronald Freeman blames the explosion of gangster rap and hip hop music. saving that Black children spend more time listening to music than studying homework...Building interest in Haiti's forthcoming December presidential election is the new chore of Trans-Africa's Randall Robinson...Invitations are in the mail for the July 14 dedication of the Robert C. Weaver federal building in Washington. It's the first downtown building named for a Black VIP, and of course, the first named for the first Black Cabinet member.

#### **National Headliners**

Consenting to consider accepting the Secretary of State post-if Texas Gov. George W. Bush is elected president-retired Gen. Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on FOX-TV that the party "is dangerously close to being a party of Whites" because of its affirmative action policies...Three former Black lawmakers soon will have post office buildings named for them in their hometowns—ex-Reps. Mervyn Dymally in Compton, Augustus F. Hawkins in Los Angeles, and Louis Stokes in Cleveland. Note—Is the



Randall Robinson

Caucus recommending only their members for such an honor?...Former athlete **Bobby Mitchell** celebrates the 10th anniversary of his Hall of Fame golf and tennis classic on July 14. The event benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society...The annual fund drive of the **Stanley S. Scott** Cancer Clinic in Louisiana raised almost \$300,000 in remembrance of the GOP White House aide.



Colin Powell



▲ Trailblazing Health Center: Former heavyweight boxing champ Evander Holyfield (c) kicks off the grand opening of the Men's Health Center, the nation's first health center for uninsured men, in Baltimore. Attending the ceremony are (l-r) Victor Jones, director, Men's Health Center; the Rev. Dr. Frank Reid, pastor, Bethel AME Church, who gave the invocation at the opening; State Del. Salima Marriott (Baltimore); Roslyn Brock, project manager for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Health Care For The Underserved Program, which awarded the center a \$100,000 grant; and Hakim Farrakhan, Deputy Commissioner, Baltimore City Health Department, who spearheaded development of the center. The center located in the heart of metropolitan Baltimore, is a full-service primary care facility which provides health care free of charge to uninsured male residents of the city. It also provides pharmacy services and a social work department.



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#### This Week In Black History

#### July 12, 1972-

▶ Shirley Chisholm, U.S. congresswoman (D-NY), became the first Black female to vie for the U.S. presidential nomination at a majorparty national convention on this day. At the 1972 Democratic National Convention in Miami Beach, FL, Blacks constituted 15 percent of the delegates. On the first ballot, the convention nominated Sen. George S. McGovern. Final vote totals showed Chisholm came in fourth. The Brooklyn native was the first Black woman to serve in Congress, holding her New York seat from 1969 to 1983. She chronicled her experiences as a presidential candidate in her book, *The Good Fight*, published in 1973. She currently resides in Florida.



#### July 16, 1862-



◀ Ida B. Wells-Barnett, journalist and activist, was born on this day in Holly Springs, MS. Affiliated with several newspapers, most notably as editor of the Memphis Free Speech, in Memphis, TN, she engaged in a vigorous campaign against the rash of lynchings in the South, as well as wrote pamphlets and articles that criticized racial and sexual inequality and economic exploitation. She served as chairman of the Anti-Lynching Bureau of the National African Council, organized and became the first president of the Negro Fellowship League in 1908. In 1913, she formed the Alpha Suffrage Club in Chicago,

the first Black female suffrage club in Illinois. As a delegate to the National American Woman Suffrage Association's parade in Washington, D.C., she singlehandedly integrated the U.S. suffrage movement and until her death in 1931 devoted most of her time to civil rights activities.



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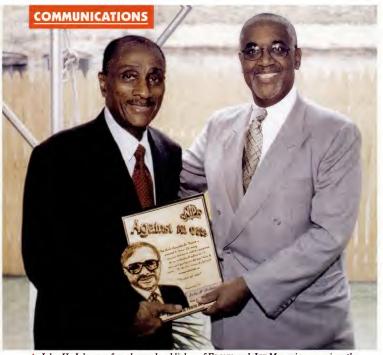


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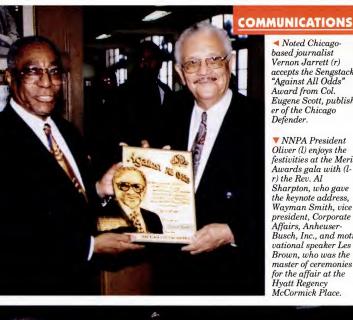


▲ John H. Johnson, founder and publisher of EBONY and JET Magazines, receives the Sengstacke "Against All Odds" Award from John J. Oliver Jr., president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), during a luncheon awards ceremony at the Chicago Defender newspaper headquarters in Chicago.

#### John H. Johnson Receives Sengstacke 'Against All Odds' Award In Chicago

John H. Johnson, founder and publisher of EBONY and JET magazines, was among the distinguished leaders in the Black press who were honored during the recent National Newspaper Publishers Association's (NNPA) 60th annual convention in Chicago.

Johnson received the Sengstacke "Against All Odds" Award in recognition of his pioneering career during a luncheon at the Chicago Defender headquarters. The award is named in honor of the Black daily newspaper's late publisher, John H. Sengstacke, who also was a co-founder of the NNPA.



■ Noted Chicagobased journalist Vernon Jarrett (r) accepts the Sengstacke "Against All Odds" Award from Col. Eugene Scott, publisher of the Chicago Defender.

▼ NNPA President Oliver (l) enjoys the festivities at the Merit Awards gala with (1r) the Rev. Al Sharpton, who gave the keynote address, Wayman Smith, vice president, Corporate Affairs, Anheuser-Busch, Inc., and motivational speaker Les Brown, who was the master of ceremonies for the affair at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place.





▲ NNPA President Oliver and Benjamin Todd Jealous (3rd, l), executive director of NNPA, congratulates other Sengstacke "Against All Odds" Award recipients (1-r): noted journalist Vernon Jarrett; Eddie S. Read, immediate past president Chicago Black United Communities, who accepted the award for journalist-activist Lu Palmer, Patricia Steed, manager of display for advertising, The Amsterdam News, who accepted the honor for Wilburt Tatum, publisher emeritus, The Amsterdam News, and Ishmael Muhammad, assistant minister to the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, head of the Nation of Islam, who accepted on behalf of Farrakhan. Joining in the festivities are LaRue Martin Jr. and Mike Johl, both community relations managers for UPS, which sponsored the awards luncheon. Not shown is Doris Saunders, retired professor and chair, Dept. of Mass Communications, Jackson State University and former director of the Book Division of Johnson Publishing Co., who accepted for Charles Tisdale, publisher, Jackson (MS) Advocate.

Also receiving a Sengstacke "Against All Odds" Award were Charles Tisdale, publisher of the Jackson Advocate in Jackson, MS; Wilburt Tatum, chairman of the board and publisher emeritus of the New York Amsterdam News; Lu Palmer, veteran journalist and community activist; Vernon Jarrett, newspaper and TV journalist; and the Minister Louis Farrakhan, head of the Nation of Islam.

The convention closed with its 2000 Merit Awards where the NNPA cele-

brates the excellence of Black weeklies and dailies with the most outstanding newspapers in the country receiving the highest honors of merit among the Black Press of America.

Acclaimed motivational speaker Les Brown served as the master of ceremonies for the gala, held at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place.

Renowned civil rights activist, the Rev. Al Sharpton, was the evening's keynote speaker.

Sharpton urged the Black press to



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continue to be a powerful voice and presence in the Black community.

"The role of the Black press is not to be thermometers but thermostats," he said. "You're supposed to be turning up the heat in your town by raising issues that others won't raise and giving [readers] information others won't give. The Black press must never lose the cutting-edge desire to stand up and speak and advocate. That's why you're here in the first place. If you lose your voice, you also lose the reason you're in existence."

▼ The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, and his wife, Mother Khadijah Farrakhan, are joined by Leonard Muhammad (c), chief of staff for Nation of Islam, and others as they attend the Merit Awards. Minister Farrakhan was honored earlier in the week with a Sengstacke "Against All Odds" Award at the Chicago Defender luncheon.



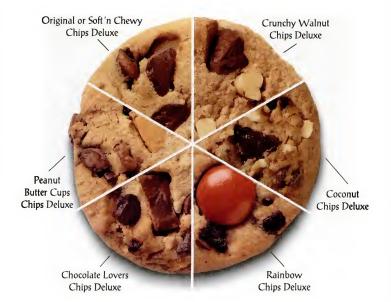


▲ Two Hearts Beat As One: Tony Marcellus Curtis and Candice Ivy Cornell joined in holy matrimony at Fort Monroe's lakefront Gazebo in Hampton, VA. A human resource analyst for Virginia Commonwealth University, the bride also attends the university. A graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, the groom is a compliance examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, VA. Cancun, Mexico, is where they honeymooned.

▲ Look Of Love: Mr. and Mrs. Perry D. Brown were married during an enchanted ceremony at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Houston, TX. The bride, Victoria Turner, is a graduate of Dillard University. She is employed with St. Luke's Hospital. The groom is a graduate of Texas Southern University. He is a senior sales representative with Pitney Bowes. The happy couple honeymooned in Vallarta, Mexico.



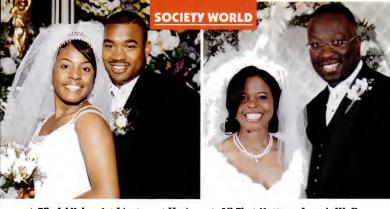
▶ Love Is: Marcus Anthony McKinney pledged his eternal love to Daphanie Carolyn Walden at Ebenezer Baptist Church West in Athens, GA. The bride, a graduate of Fort Valley State University and the University of Illinois, is a capital projects buyer. The groom, a graduate of Fort Valley State University and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is an electrical/instrumentation engineer. They are both employed at Shell Exploration and Production Co. St. Thomas was the honeymoon spot.



#### A Deluxe Choice.







▲ Blissful Union: 1st Lieutenant Kevin C. Green, Jr. is a happy man after making Jeromi Danielle Terry his wife during a heartwarming ceremony at the Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, LA. The bride is a registered nurse. She is a graduate of the Louisiana State University Medical Center. The groom is a United States Air Force navigator. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University. The couple plans to reside in Abilene, TX.

▲ All That Matters: Joseph W. Pace, II wed the former Dr. Betty S. Buckley at the Keegan Daniels Ballroom in Mobile, AL. The bride, a graduate of Marquette University and the Medical College of Wisconsin, is a pediatric hematologist and associate director of the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center at the University of South Alabama. The groom, a graduate of Tuskegee University, is a gospel musician and director of the Colorado Mass Choir.



■ There's Nothing Greater: Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne A. Larkins exchanged hands at St. Mary Primitive Baptist Church in Tallahassee, FL. The bride, Carla Y. Hinson, is a graduate of Nova Southeastern University. She is a sales representative for ALLTEL. The groom is a graduate of Florida A&M University. He is a sales manager for ALLTEL. The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii and plan to reside in Tallahassee.

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▲ Tony Award Winners Honored: Actress Kathryne Dora Brown (1) congratulates her mother (r), actress Tyne Daly ("Cagney & Lacey" and "Judging Amy"), and veteran actress Virginia Capers at the Actors' Fund of America/AID for AIDS Tony Awards party at the Beverly Hills Hotel in California where Daly and Capers were honored. Daly, who won for the revival of *Gypsy* on Broadway, was presented with the Julie Harris Lifetime Achievement Award, while Capers, who won a Tony for her role in the musical *Raisin*, was a special guest of honor. The event raises funds to support both charities. Brown, who recently starred in the play *Changes of Heart* at the Ahmanson Theatre in Los Angeles, is also the daughter of actor Georg Stanford Brown ("The Rookies" and "Linc's").

#### Oprah Winfrey Donates \$10 Million To 'A Better Chance'

Entertainment mogul Oprah Winfrey has donated \$10 million to an organization that places gifted minority students in some of the nation's most prestigious public and private high schools.

Winfrey made the donation to A Better Chance at a recent awards luncheon. She has been a national spokeswoman for the program and



Oprah Winfrey

has donated more than \$12 million to it since 1997.

Currently, there are 2,500 students enrolled in A Better Chance programs nationwide.

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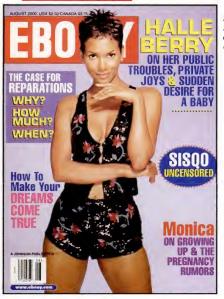
dren have been given an A Better Chance opportunity.

Founded in 1963, the Bostonbased A Better Chance is the oldest and only national organization of its kind.

▼ MARIAN ANDERSON AWARD HONOREE: Legendary actress Elizabeth Taylor is congratulated by Philadelphia Mayor John Street after he presented her with the Marian Anderson Award, which honors artists who work to benefit humanity, at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in Philadelphia. Marian Anderson, a pioneering Philadelphia-born operatic

singer credited with breaking color barriers, was the first Black to sing at the Metropolitan Opera. Taylor was honored for using her celebrity status and the public's unquenchable interest in her life to promote AIDS research, treatment and awareness. Street called both Taylor and Anderson "consummate artists," "world renowned," and "fearless fighters." He also praised Taylor for her "unselfish charitable use of her celebrity status." The gala also included a private dinner and a musical tribute to the late Grover Washington Jr.





# Halle Berry Talks About Life, Love, And Motherhood In August Ebony

Halle Berry speaks out on her public troubles, private joys, and sudden desire for a baby in the August issue of EBONY.

Berry says she still does not remember what happened on the night of the car collision that changed her life. She says she has "not a clue how I got from driving from my friend's house to being a bloody mess with a crashed car." ■ Halle Berry reveals she's ripe for motherhood. "I can't wait!" she tells EBONY, "I notice every little baby dress, every little baby toy, every little baby thing."

Berry says her life became "a living hell." There was the possibility that she would face felony hit and run charges and go to jail. She was the subject of rumors, and people she thought were close to her distanced themselves from her after the accident.

Berry says she is now on her way back to a normal life and has learned many lessons, including facing her lifelong fear of abandonment. She is taking the summer off to relax, spend quality time with fiancé, Eric Benét, and his daughter, and plan their "very small, very intimate" wedding. Berry says she is also looking forward

to becoming a mother very soon. "Not long after we get married, that will be one of the first things on our agenda."

The August EBONY also features the story "Sisqo Uncensored." The hot performer, writer and producer discusses his religious faith and rumors that he's gay.

In "How to Make Your Dreams Come True," five people reveal how they overcame adversity to live their dreams, and "The Case For Reparations: Why? How Much? When?" spotlights the debate over Blacks' compensation for centuries of slavery and discrimination.

## Jackie Robinson Foundation's 'An Afternoon Of Jazz' Fund-Raiser Features Aretha Franklin



◆ Aretha Franklin performs for more than 7,000 fans at "An Afternoon of Jazz" festival in Norwalk, CT.

ed to some 15 songs from her vast repertoire that ranges from gospel to soul to opera.

The "Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) and Texaco Present An Afternoon of Jazz" festival raises funds for the not-for-profit foundation which provides educational opportunities for minority youths who attend colleges and universities across the U.S.

The day-long fest also featured performances by the famous jazz groups, The Billy Taylor Trio and The Illinois Jacquet Band. Taylor is the musical director for the festival.

The Queen of Soul reigned supreme for a worthy cause when she performed as the special R&B guest at the Jackie Robinson Foundation's "An Afternoon of Jazz" in Norwalk, CT.

More than 7,000 people attended the annual festival and were treat-

▶ Rachel Robinson (l), who heads the Jackie Robinson Foundation(JRF), named in honor of her late husband, greets famed jazz musician Billy Taylor (c) and JRF President (CEO Steven Brown.





This is the 25th year the festival has benefitted the Jackie Robinson Foundation, which is named in honor of the late baseball legend who was the first Black to play in the Major Leagues. His widow, Rachel Robinson,

◀ Legendary jazz saxophonist Illinois Jacquet (r) leads his big band during a performance at the day-long "An Afternoon of Jazz" festival.

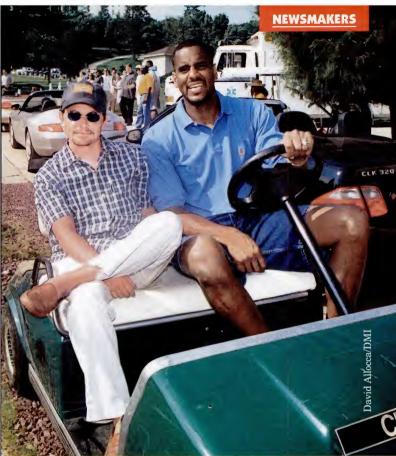
is founding officer. "I think he would have been amazed and delighted," Mrs. Robinson said, expressing her thoughts on the event's success.

"It (education) is something we know is essential to having a quality life and being a full participant in society."

Franklin, adding her sentiments, noted, "I think its fabulous the way people are supporting it and doing it on an annual basis. I can't think of a better thing to do. And God bless them. I had a wonderful time today."



◀ Welcoming Aretha Franklin at the "Jackie Robinson Foundation & Texaco Present An Afternoon of Jazz" are (front, l-r) Rachel Robinson and JRF Board member Sharon Robinson, director of educational programming for Major League Baseball, and (rear, l-r) JRF Chairman Leonard S. Coleman, Jr., former National League president of Major League Baseball, and JRF president and CEO Steven Brown.



▲ BENEFIT BARBECUE AT JAYSON'S PLACE: New Jersey Nets center Jayson Williams takes a spin on the grounds of his Milford, NJ, estate with former "Spin City" star Michael J. Fox at the second annual Jayson Williams Foundation All-Star Barbecue. Williams, who also sits on the board of Fox's Parkinson's disease foundation, donated \$50,000 to the organization. The charity barbecue also raised funds for pediatric AIDS and the Newark (NJ) Boys and Girls Club. At Jet press time, Williams, 32, announced his retirement from the Nets due to a right leg injury he suffered in April 1999.



Sherman Fowler

▲ DUNHAM \$1 MILLION BIRTHDAY GIFT: Legendary dancer-choreographer Katherine Dunham (c) was presented with a \$1 million "preservation of legacy" grant from the State of Illinois during her 91st birthday gala at East St. Louis (Illinois) Community College Center. Flanking Ms. Dunham are her daughter, Marie-Christine Dunham (l), and Illinois Rep. Wyvetter H. Younge (D-East St. Louis), who presented the \$1 million check to Ms. Dunham. The grant, which matches a \$1 million grant from the Doris Duke Foundation, will help identify, catalog and preserve the costumes, props and other memorabilia from Dunham's pioneering career. Standing (l-r) are Jeanelle Stovall, assistant director of the Dunham Centers for Arts and Humanities; Eugene B. Redmond, poet laureate of East St. Louis; Ruby Streate, director, Dunham Children's Workshop; Theo Jamison, member of the East St. Louis Performing Arts Center; Dr. Glory Van Scott, former member, Dunham Dance Company; Anne Walker, arts administrator; and Mor Thiam, Senegalese master drummer. Not shown (holding the check) Dr. Lee Blount, one of Ms. Dunham's personal physicians.

### Diseases Kill Many More People Than Natural Disasters, Red Cross Report Says

Infectious diseases such as AIDS and tuberculosis are claiming more lives than natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes, according to a new report by the Red Cross.

The death toll from diseases such as AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria is 160 times greater than the number of people killed in earthquakes in Turkey, cyclones in Indiana and floods in Venezuela last year, according to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies report, cited in the New York Times.

The report also found that 150 million people have died from AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria since 1945, while 23 million people were killed in wars during the same time period.

"Everywhere we do disaster relief, we found the disaster was built on the shaky bedrock of poor public health," said Peter Walker, head of Red Cross' disaster policy.

Walker noted, "There has been a real change in the last 10 years. In almost every country, there is a facade of a health system, but away from the city centers, there is nothing."

The report also found that public spending on health in poor countries average only 1 percent of a country's gross domestic product, while wealthier countries spend 6 percent on health.

The study also found that spending money on changing people's behavior when it comes to living healthy actually saves more lives than spending money on expensive hospitals and high-tech medical equipment, the New York Times reported.

### U.S. Supreme Court Rules That Ban On Late-Term Abortions Is Unconstitutional

**LAW & JUSTICE** 

The U.S. Supreme Court recently struck down a Nebraska law that banned so-called "partial-birth" abortions

The high court ruled 5-4 that the ban is unconstitutional because it violates women's constitutional right by imposing an "undue burden" on their decisions to end their pregnancies.

The decision is viewed as a major victory for abortion rights.

The decision affects 30 similar state laws that had also banned the controversial procedure. The Nebraska law also did not allow doctors to perform the abortion procedure to protect the woman's health.

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer wrote in the high court's decision: "We understand the controversial nature of the problem. Millions of Americans believe that life begins at conception and consequently that

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an abortion is akin to causing the death of an innocent child; they recoil at the thought of a law that would permit it. Other millions fear that a law that forbids abortion would condemn many American women to lives that lack dignity, depriving them of equal liberty and leading those with least resources to under-

go illegal abortions."

"Partial-birth" abortion is not a medical term but rather a term used by opponents of abortion. The method is used infrequently to terminate pregnancy after 16 weeks, the New York Times reported. The Supreme Court decision is viewed as a setback for opponents of abortion.

▼ Graham Memorial Service: Mourners pay their respects for Gary Graham during a memorial service in Houston, which several hundred people attended. Graham was put to death by lethal injection (JET, July 10), in Huntsville, TX, after being convicted of the 1981 killing of Bobby Lambert of Tucson, AZ, during a robery in Houston. Graham, whose death sentence evoked national debate over capital punishment, had pleaded guilty to ten aggravated robberies during a weeklong crime rampage in May 1981. However, he denied committing the Lambert murder. Graham, 36, went to his death claiming his innocence. "I die fighting for what I believed in. They know I'm innocent. They won't acknowledge it. The truth will come out." he said.





◀ Louima (c) speaks to reporters outside **Rrooklyn** Federal Court following recent sentencing as his attorney, Sanford Rubenstein. and civil rights activist the Rev. Al Sharpton (r) look on. "I hope the sentence todav sends a clear messagethat no one is above the law." Louima said.

#### Ex-New York Cop Gets 15 Years In Louima Torture Case

Ex-New York City policeman Charles Schwarz, convicted last year of holding down Haitian immigrant Abner Louima in a police station bathroom as another officer sodomized Louima with a broken broomstick, recently was sentenced to 15 years and 8 months in prison.

The sentence handed down by U.S. District Court Judge Eugene Nickerson was about half of the 30-year term given officer Justin Volpe, who carried out the August 1997 attack on Louima. Schwarz faced a life sentence.

Judge Nickerson also ordered Schwarz to pay Louima \$277,495 in restitution. At a second trial held in March of this year (JET, March 20), a jury also found Schwarz and two other ex-officers, Thomas Bruder and Thomas Wiese, guilty of federal obstruction of justice charges for conspiring to cover up the attack.

Bruder and Wiese recently received sentences of five years on that conviction. The sentence given Schwarz covers both convictions.

Louima, who suffered severe internal injuries, has sued the city, the police officers union and several individual officers for \$155 million. No trial date for the civil cases has been set.

The third and final trial in the Louima brutality case recently ended with the conviction of another former officer, Francisco Rosario, for lying to investigators. He and his partner, Rolando Aleman, who pleaded guilty, are awaiting sentencing.

### Family Of Illinois Man Who Died After Scuffle With Police Awarded \$4.95 Million

The village of Hoffman Estates, IL, recently agreed to pay part of a \$4.95 million settlement to the family of a Black man who died after his artificial bladder was ruptured in a 1996 scuffle with police after a minor traffic violation, the Chicago Tribune reported.

The lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court in 1997, claimed that Logan Smith was targeted by police because he was Black and that the altercation with police was not provoked. Smith was born with a rare defect in which his bladder was on the outside of his body, and doctors subsequently placed an artificial bladder near his stomach. Monica McFadden, lawyer for the Smith family, alleges that an officer punched or kicked Logan in the stomach, the Tribune reported.

The Chicago suburb will pay \$4 million of the settlement, the largest in village history, and the rest will be paid by a hospital and doctor who treated Smith after his arrest. In agreeing to the settlement, which will be covered by insurance, the village denied wrongdoing, the Chicago Sun-Times reported.

Smith, 24, and his brother Brian, the driver of the car, were pulled over in their driveway on Jan. 22, 1996, by police allegedly for not having license plates and for failing to stop despite police orders. The lawsuit contends Logan Smith intervened after police used pepper spray on his brother. A struggle ensued and Logan was pepper-sprayed and allegedly punched in the abdomen, the Sun-Times reported.

Hoffman Estates Police Chief Clint Herdegen said force was necessary because Logan had attacked an officer, but denied Logan was beaten, the Sun-Times reported.

Smith immediately complained of abdominal pain and was sent to the former Columbia Hoffman Estates Medical Center. He was diagnosed with a urinary tract infection and discharged to police custody. He then remained four more hours in the Police Department where officers ignored his repeated pleas to go back to the hospital, McFadden said, the Tribune reported.

When Smith was released on bond, he again was taken to the hospital. He died later that night after urine leaked from a puncture in his bladder and infected his abdomen and bloodstream, according to his autopsy.

McFadden said police and medical personnel "blatantly ignored and neglected Smith's urgent medical needs," the Sun-Times reported. The settlement marks the second time in less than four years that Hoffman Estates has paid because of a wrong-ful-death suit.



**EXTRAORDINARY NAILS:** Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush examines the extraordinarily long fingernails of Dorthea McFarlane during the recent Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) dinner in New York City.

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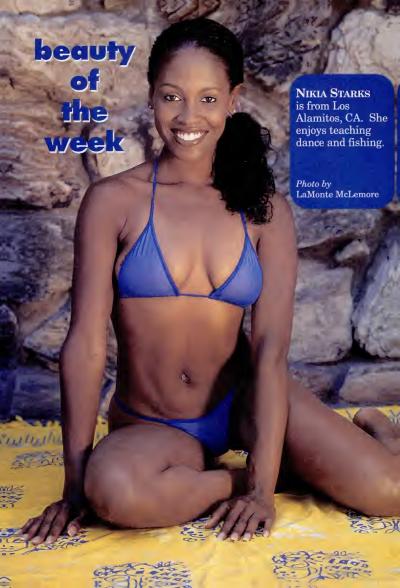
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### Get Back Into Shape This Summer With Warm-Weather Workouts

If you slipped into fitness hibernation during the winter months, summer is the perfect time to rise, shine and get back in shape with a host of fun fitness activities.

But before you venture outdoors for your warm-weather workout, remember, slow and steady is the best way to get back into your routine.

"Most people make the mistake of doing too much too fast," says Dr. Gary Wadler, a sports medicine doctor and associate professor at the New York University School of Medicine, reports Sheila Anne Feeney of the New York Daily News. "They think they can pick up where they left off last season."

If you want to avoid injury or burnout, fitness experts say start off at no more than 50 percent of what you did before you stopped exercising, and gradually increase.

With that said, take full advantage of the nice weather by exploring different avenues of fitness. The Daily News suggests the following activities:

 Roller-blading and skating. Why walk your way to fitness when you can roll? Skating is good exercise for people at nearly every fitness level and gives your lower body a real workout.
 If you've never balanced yourself on four wheels or two, take a class and wear a helmet, wrist and knee guards to protect yourself.  Running. Get your body and heart pumping with a healthy run or jog. Beginning runners should start off with a slow jog-walk program walk one block, jog one block.

"As you begin to get in shape, reduce the walking portion," says Gregory Florez, president and CEO of First Fitness, Inc., a sports education and training company in Salt Lake City, to the Daily News. He also advises wearing proper shoes and running on soft surfaces like grass to prevent stress to back and joints, the paper reports.

 Biking. Park your car and bike it where you need to go this summer.
 Because cycling is a nonimpact activity, you're less likely to sprain your ankles or wrench your knees. If you haven't been biking in a while, go short distances until the muscles in your legs and buttocks get accustomed to the work.

 Softball and baseball. Round up the gang for a friendly ball game.

If you're an amateur ball player, Dale Huff, co-owner of Nutriformance, a St. Louis company that offers sports nutrition and personal training programs, recommends you practice sprinting, beginning at half speed for 20 to 40 yards, to prime yourself for the field, the newspaper reports. It also helps to work out your lower body with lunges and squats so that you'll be ready for that home-run stretch.

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◀ Former NBA guard Byron Scott (c) chats with New Jersey Nets President Rod Thorn (l) and team principal owner Lewis Katz following his introduction as the Nets' head coach.

#### NBA Veteran Byron Scott Picked As New Jersey Nets New Head Coach

Fourteen years in the NBA not only developed Byron Scott on the court as a player but also groomed him for a future off court as a coach—so believes the New Jersey Nets front office, which recently chose Scott to be the team's new head coach.

"I was looking for someone with a lot of energy," Nets' President Rod Thorn said after he gave Scott his first head coaching job. "I was looking for somebody who was a good coach, who knew X's and O's, and I was looking for a real character-type guy. I think Byron brings all of that to the table."

Scott, 39, received a three-year deal with the Nets for \$6.3 million, and the team has an option to keep him for a fourth season, the New York Times reported.

During his NBA career, Scott played for the Los Angeles Lakers, Indiana Pacers and Vancouver Grizzlies. Most recently he served as an assistant coach to Rick Adelman in Sacramento.

Scott, the former Lakers guard who won three championships playing with Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, developed his coaching skills while playing under the tutelage of two of the league's top coaches, Pat Riley and Larry Brown.

"Larry allowed me to come in there and teach the guys, teach them how to win and what winning was all about," Scott said of the two years he played under Brown with the Pacers, the Times reported.

Scott also played seven seasons for Riley with the Lakers and said his coaching style reflects much of what he learned from Riley and Brown.

"I played this game, I understand the players," he said. "I understand what it takes to win. I've been to the mountaintop."

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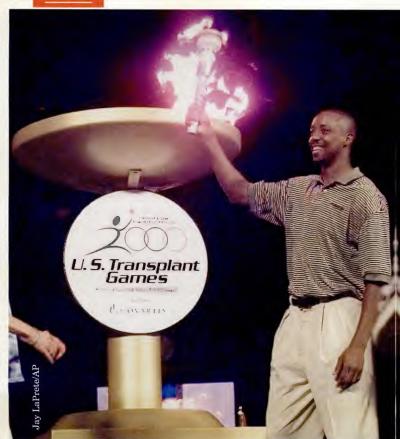
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▲ LET THE GAMES BEGIN: San Antonio Spurs forward Sean Elliot, who received a kidney from his brother, Noel, last August (JET, April 3), lights the torch at the opening ceremonies of the 2000 U.S. Transplant Games in Orlando, FL. The games, which are held every two years, are a 12-sport competition designed as a forum for organ recipients to compete and raise awareness to help the almost 700,000 Americans awaiting organs.

#### College Player Of The **Year, Kenyon Martin, Is Top Pick In NBA Draft**

Kenyon Martin, the consensus college basketball player of the year at the University of Cincinnati, was the No. 1 overall pick in the recent NBA draft.

The New Jersey Nets were expected to make him their first round pick and they did not disappoint. Still Martin, a 6-foot-9, 230-pound forward, was a bit nervous. "When he (NBA commissioner David Stern) called my name, it was a sigh of relief," he said.

Martin, one of 20 Black players (out of 29) selected in the first round. is expected to replace popular retiring Nets forward Jayson Williams. Martin, who is recovering from a leg injury, averaged 18.9 points and 9.7 rebounds for the Bearcats who were ranked No. 1 in the nation for much of the season.

"I worked so hard for four years, and now I guess it's panning out for me," said Martin, USA Today reported. "But I can't stop now. I have to get better from here."

Stromile Swift, a 6-foot-9 forward at Louisiana State University, was the second player selected, nabbed by the Vancouver Grizzlies. Swift helped lead LSU to the NCAA 'Sweet 16' for

Stromile Swift

Darius Miles







▲ Kenvon Martin is greeted by NBA Commissioner David Stern after the New Jersey Nets made Martin the first pick in the NBA draft.

the first time in 13 years.

The L.A. Clippers stunned many by selecting Darius Miles, a 6-foot-9 high school player from East St. Louis, IL, who's considered a great all-around player. As the overall third player selected, Miles is the highest high school pick ever. Three high schoolers (Jonathan Bender in 1999, Kevin Garnett in 1995 and Darrvl Dawkins in 1975) were selected fifth overall. Miles passed on a scholarship to St. John's.

The Chicago Bulls chose high-Marcus Fizer DerMarr Johnson







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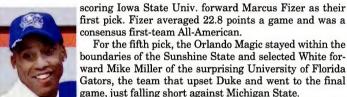
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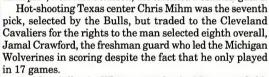
Etan Thomas



Courtney Alexander



The Bearcats provided the Atlanta Hawks with the sixth pick, DerMarr Johnson, the talented freshman guard.





Joel Przybilla, the White center for the Minnesota Golden Gophers, who helped his team upset highly-ranked Indiana, was chosen by the Houston Rockets, but traded to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Keyon Dooling, the outstanding sophomore guard with Missouri, was nabbed tenth, going to Orlando, but traded to the Clippers for a future pick. Dooling had an impressive 59 three pointers.

The Boston Celtics chose UCLA's top rebounder and second-leading scorer, sophomore forward Jerome Moiso as their top choice. He led the legendary UCLA Bruins in rebounds 15 times.

Tough defensive center Etan Thomas of Syracuse was the top choice for the Dallas Mavericks. His 232 blocked shots is second only to Patrick Ewing on the Big East all-time list.

The 13th pick was pay dirt for the Magic as they landed Fresno State guard Courtney Alexander, the nation's leading scorer. He averaged 27.2 points per game in the Western Athletic Conference.

Mateen Cleaves, the superstar All-American guard who helped lead the

### The 2000 NBA first-round draft picks by team, player, school or country, height and position

(Twenty of the 29 players picked in the first round of the draft were Black)

- 1. New Jersey Nets KENYON MARTIN Cincinnati, 6-9,F
- 2. Vancouver Grizzlies STROMILE SWIFT LSU, 6-9, F
- 3. Los Angeles Clippers
  DARIUS MILES
  East St. Louis (IL) High, 6-9, F
- 4. Chicago Bulls MARCUS FIZER Iowa State, 6-8, F
- 5. Orlando Magic MIKE MILLER Florida, 6-8, F
- 6. Atlanta Hawks
  DERMARR JOHNSON
  Cincinnati, 6-9, G
- 7. Chicago Bulls CHRIS MIHM Texas, 7-0, C
- 8. Cleveland Cavaliers

  JAMAL CRAWFORD

  Michigan, 6-6, G
- 9. Houston Rockets JOEL PRZYBILLA Minnesota, 7-0, C
- 10. Orlando Magic KEYON DOOLING Missouri, 6-3, G
- 11. Boston Celtics JEROME MOISO UCLA, 6-10, F
- 12. Dallas Mavericks ETAN THOMAS Syracuse, 6-9, C
- 13. Orlando Magic
  COURTNEY ALEXANDER
  Fresno State, 6-6, G
- 14. Detroit Pistons

  MATEEN CLEAVES

  Michigan State, 6-2, G
- 15. Milwaukee Bucks JASON COLLIER Georgia Tech, 7-0, C

- 16. Sacramento Kings
  HIDAYET TURKOGLU
  Efes Pilsen (Istanbul, Turkey) 6-8, G/F
- 17. Seattle Supersonics

  DESMOND MASON

  Oklahoma State, 6-5, F
- 18. Los Angeles Clippers

  QUENTIN RICHARDSON

  DePaul, 6-5, G
- 19. Charlotte Hornets

  JAMAAL MAGLOIRE

  Kentucky, 6-10, C
- 20. Philadelphia 76ers CRAIG "SPEEDY" CLAXTON Hofstra, 5-11, G
- 21. Toronto Raptors

  MORRIS PETERSON

  Michigan State, 6-6, G
- 22. New York Knicks

  DONNELL HARVEY

  Florida 6-8, F
- 23. Utah Jazz

  DESHAWN STEVENSON

  Washington Union High (Fresno, CA), 6-5, G
- 24. Chicago Bulls

  DALIBOR BAGARIC

  Benston Zagreb (Croatia), 7-1, C
- 25. Phoenix Suns
  IAKOVOS "JAKE" TSAKALIDIS
  AEK, Greece, 7-1, C
- 26. Denver Nuggets

  MAMADOU N'DIAYE

  Auburn, 7-0, C
- 27. Indiana Pacers
  PRIMOZ BREZEC
  Olimpia Ljubljana (Slovenia), 7-0. F
- 28. Portland Trailblazers ERICK BARKLEY St. John's, 6-0, G
- 29. Los Angeles Lakers MARK MADSEN Stanford, 6-9, F

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#### **SPORTS**

Michigan State Spartans to the college basketball championship, was taken by the nearby Detroit Pistons.

Big time steal artist Desmond Mason, a forward at Oklahoma State, was the 17th pick and nabbed by the Seattle Supersonics.

Quentin Richardson, the guard credited with helping revive interest in basketball at DePaul, was snatched up by the Clippers as their 18th pick.

Kentucky's all-time block shot leader, center Jamaal Magloire, was the first choice of the Charlotte Hornets.

Craig "Speedy" Claxton, Hofstra University's all-time assist leader, was tapped by the Philadelphia 76ers. Claxton was the America East conference Player of the Year.

Morris Peterson, the red-hot threepoint shooting guard for Michigan State, was snatched up by the Toronto Raptors.

Florida's freshman superstar forward Donnell Harvey was the overall 22nd pick and first by the New York Knicks.

DeShawn Stevenson, who averaged a whopping 30.4 points per game at Washington Union High School in Fresno, CA, was picked up by the Utah Jazz.

Mamadou N'diaye, a native of Senegal and a senior center at Auburn, was reined in by the Denver Nuggets. N'diaye has only played organized basketball for five years.

Erick Barkley, who averaged 16 points per game at St. John's and helped the Red Storm win the Big East tournament, went to the Portland Trailblazers.

### movies to see

#### DISNEY'S THE KID Rated (PG) Walt Disney Pictures

Duss Duritz is a successful limage consultant whose life is suddenly turned upside down when he magically meets Rusty, who is Russ himself as an 8-yearold. Rusty is a sweet, but slightly geeky, an awkward little kid who painfully reminds Russ of everything he hated about himself when he was a child—a pudgy, little cry-baby who was the daily victim of the school bullies—an image Russ has worked hard to overcome and consciously forget. The kid is also unhappy with who his 40-year-old self has turned out to be. He is not at all impressed by his attractive physique, wealth or seemingly important accomplishments. He can't understand the concept of Russ' job as an image consultant, or why he has forgotten about their dreams of becoming



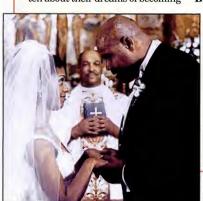
▲ Bruce Willis stars as Russ Duritz and Spencer Breslin stars as 8-year-old Rusty Duritz in Disney's The Kid.

a pilot. Starring in this live action comedy is **Bruce Willis**, **Spencer Breslin**, **Emily Mortimer**, **Lilv** 

Tomlin, Jean Smart, Chi Mc-Bride, Juanita Moore, Vernee Watson Johnson, Marc Copage, Daniel Von Bargen, Dana Ivey, Susan Dalian and many more.

#### -Sylvia P. Flanagan

◀ Susan Dalian (Giselle) and Chi McBride (Kenny) get married in Walt Disney Pictures' live action comedy.



### TONI Braxton

## BACK ON TOP AFTER BANKRUPTCY

Toni Braxton has finally taken control of her life. After a four-year absence from the recording scene that was marked by a much-publicized bankruptcy and a bitter contract battle with her record label, the sultry singer has returned bigger, better and back on top with her smoldering new CD The Heat.

With her troubled past behind her, Braxton is once again setting the record charts ablaze with her new project and its first single, the midtempo dance tune He Wasn't Man Enough, and the slow melody Just Be A Man About It.

"T've been taking control of my life and I'm being responsible for what happens in my career," the gorgeous vocalist said. "This third album shows the positive direction I'm feeling in my life. I'm not worried like I once was about how things would turn out when I put out a record. I'm just anxious to have my music out there so people can hear me again!"

After declaring bankruptcy and winning a legal battle against her record label, Toni Braxton is back on top with a hit album, The Heat.



And Braxton's legions of fans are happy to hear from her once again.

"There were moments when I felt that I'd never be able to do this again," Braxton told USA Today. "My friends and family were like, 'You can do it. You can do it.' But some days not even my friends and family could say the right things to make me believe in myself."

Many might find it difficult to understand that the superstar performer could have ever had problems believing in herself, especially after

▼ Braxton enjoys an outing with the man who means the world to her, boyfriend Keri Lewis. "It's going well," she said of her relationship with Lewis, a musician in the R & B group Mint Condition.





▲ The sultry singer has won a huge following with her warm ballads and sexy stage appearance. Three years ago she embarked upon a successful international tour where she opened for famed saxophonist Kenny G.

having proved herself to be one of music's biggest female performers of the '90s.

Braxton first hit the music scene in 1992 when she performed on the soundtrack for the movie Boomerang in which she sang a duet with Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, Give U My Heart, and the slow ballad Love Shoulda Brought You Home.

A year later her self-titled debut CD was released, featuring the hits Another Sad Love Song, Breathe Again, You Mean The World To Me

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and I Belong To You. The album sold 10 million copies internationally and earned three Grammy Awards and three American Music Awards.

By the time her second album, Secrets, dropped in 1996, fans couldn't get enough of the seductive songbird. The album, which won two Grammys, churned out the hits You're Makin' Me High, Seven Whole Days, Un-Break My Heart, I Love Me Some Him and How Could An Angel Break My Heart.

Things were on the up and up and moving at break-neck speed for the high-profile star when she embarked upon a major international tour with saxophonist Kenny G. in 1997.

But, in late 1997, the entertainer's world came to a screeching halt. As she approached the end of the successful tour, Braxton learned that she had accumulated a staggering amount of debt.

Braxton was baffled as to how this could be and rightly so. After all, collectively the first two albums had sold more than 15 million copies and reportedly earned Arista Records and its affiliate, her label, LaFace Records, an estimated \$170 million. And, the tour was selling out arenas.

She filed a lawsuit against her record companies, Arista and LaFace, in which she asked for a raise and asked that her recording contract be declared invalid and a new contract be negotiated.

A short while later, in January of 1998, Braxton filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection, listing more than \$1 million in debts.



▲ In 1993 Braxton was catapulted into stardom with the release of her multiplatinum self-titled debut CD. The project spawned such chart-topping tunes as Another Sad Love Song and Breathe Again.

The busy Braxton didn't sit around twiddling her thumbs throughout the ordeal. In fact, while the lawsuits were being settled, Braxton made her Broadway debut as Belle in Disney's Beauty and the Beast, making her the first Black to play the role. She was lauded for her fine performance.

"It was a pioneering opportunity for me. We wanted to take a traditional Disney show and make it more rainbow-hued," she stated.

Braxton's tenacity paid off for her in a big way. She eventually settled with the companies and mended her strained relationship with LaFace CEOs, Edmonds and Antonio "L.A."



▲ Braxton made her Broadway debut in 1998 as Belle in Disney's Beauty and The Beast with actor James Barbour portraying the Beast at the Palace Theater in New York. The versatile Braxton made history by becoming the first Black to play the role.

Reid.

She reportedly received higher royalties, plus a multimillion-dollar advance, and got publishing rights to any songs she'd written.

"I was lucky," she told the Daily News. "I got a pay raise. But there's scar tissue from anything like that."

She continued to USA Today, "It was personal for me because it did affect my life. L.A. and Babyface are responsible for so many wonderful songs and so many great things in my career, but I can't lie. I was angry and

upset. But I have to say that in the end, L.A. and Kenny did come to the table and say, 'OK, here you go. Here's your money.'"

The bankruptcy was a major learning experience for her, she contends.

Explained Braxton, "I was angry at myself for the financial problems I had and I didn't understand at the time how it all happened. It all got resolved in 1998 and thankfully, I got offered the chance to appear on Broadway in Beauty and the Beast. That really helped my self-esteem and gave me a chance to get my life moving again."

Braxton is taking her costly lessons in stride and recently offered advice to music hopefuls as a part of a panel discussion of distinguished performers at the recent WGCI Radio Music Seminar in Chicago.

"When you get in [the role. industry], get smart people around you. Understand that it's a business and it's a corporation. For example, when Walt Disney started his company, he had to hire a business manager. He had to hire an attorney. He had to hire all these people around him because you don't know how to talk the language of entertainment law and things like that. So try to get people around you who are smart. Interview 50,000 people if you have to; get everyone set up around you who can, who won't be

afraid to talk to the record company."

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she noted.

Things have worked out for her not only professionally but also in her personal life. Braxton was once involved in a relationship with NFL star Curtis Martin, but she is now seeing Keri Lewis, a keyboardist with the R&B group Mint Condition.

"I'm dating and it's going well, can you believe it?" she told the Daily News about the man who's been making her hit the right notes lately. "I've known him since '96 as a friend. But one day I just noticed, 'Hey, he's really cute.' I looked at him differently."

Lewis, who has written many of Mint Condition's hit love ballads, appeared on three of the new tracks, The Art of Love, Speaking in Tongues and the title track, The Heat.

She says two of the songs were "official Toni Braxton baby-making songs! I don't know how often people have told me that they became parents off of one of my records, so this time I made a conscious effort to create a couple of songs with that in mind. There's The Art of Love and Speaking in Tongues (both co-produced by Braxton and Lewis)."

The handsome Lewis also appears in the video for *He Wasn't Man Enough*. Braxton, without a doubt, is happy in her new relationship. But she is wary of offering too much information about their romance.

► The hot performer displays the two Grammys she won in 1997 for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance and Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for You're Makin' Me High and Un-Break My Heart respectively. "I don't want to talk about this too much, you know," she told the Daily News. "I don't want to jinx it."

Throughout the years, Braxton has earned a reputation for her sad love songs; it doesn't bother her though.

"I consider myself to be the musical equivalent of the Lifetime Channel for women," she told the Daily News. "I do sing a lot of sad, 'I'm going to kill myself songs. But I always try to have a sense of resurrection in my music."

Resurrect she has. Braxton's back on top, and she's loving it.



Womanhood.

A journey from

too tight cornrows,

double dutch

and trying to be "Koo-ool."

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jazz in St. Lucia

and understanding that cool

is what we are naturally

Thanks for sharing my ride.

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### top20ALBUMS



**■ BIG TYMERS** 



1. I GOT THAT WORK
Big Tymers (Cash Money)

2. MY NAME IS JOE Joe (Jive)

3. GOODFELLAS 504 Boyz (No Limit)

4. LUCY PEARL
Lucy Pearl (Pookie)

5. MY THOUGHTS
Avant (Magic Johnson)

6. WHERE I WANNA BE
Donell Jones (Untouchables)

7. UNRESTRICTED
Da Brat (So So Def)

. WHITNEY: THE GREATEST HITS

Whitney Houston (Arista)

9. BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE Various Artists (So So Def)

10. EMOTIONAL Carl Thomas (Bad Boy)

11. DR. DRE—2001 Dr. Dre (Aftermath)

12. J.E. HEARTBREAK

Jagged Edge (So So Def)

13. ...AND THEN THERE WAS X

DMX (Ruff Ryders)

14. EAR-RESISTIBLE The Temptations (Motown)

15. IDEAL Ideal (Noontime)

16. FROM THE BOTTOM
OF MY HEART
Sammie (Freeworld)

17. UNLEASH THE DRAGON Sisqo (Dragon)

> 18. THE HEAT Toni Braxton (LaFace)

19. VOL. 3...LIFE AND TIMES OF S. CARTER Jay-Z (Roc-A-Fella)

20. SHAFT

Various Artists (New Deal)

#### Kelly Price Takes Charge With New Album And New Look

Singer Kelly Price showed that she had soul on her first album, Soul Of A Woman, in 1998. Now she's showing that she can stand and deliver for the long haul on her second effort, Mirror, Mirror.

Price reaches down deep to deliver a powerful rendition of the Shirley Murdock classic As We Lay, the first single from the Def Soul-released project.

It was only fitting to do a remake of a song that was performed by a woman she grew up admiring. "She was the best singer in her era and time," Price boasts of Murdock, who appears in her video for the remake. "She was a Clark Sister singing R&B music."

A former backup singer for Mariah Carey, Price took center stage as a solo artist a couple of years ago. Her debut CD featured the soul-drenched hit *Friend Of Mine*.

Like all of her music, she says, her songs are either "autobiographical" or "true stories but not always my story. A good Kelly Price song is born out of a true Kelly Price experience. I've lived so much life in 27 years. There's a lot to talk about," says the married mother of two, Jeffrey, Jr., 8, and Jonia, 7. Her husband, Jeffrey Rolle, is her manager and co-executive-produced *Mirror*, *Mirror* with Price and Kevin Liles.

Aside from buzzing about her new album, many Price fans are talking



▲ Kelly Price has all eyes on her with a hot new CD, Mirror, Mirror, and a new look.

about her new look. Known for her full-figured stature, Price has lost nearly 100 pounds!

She admits the weight loss started on its own at first after her beloved mother-in-law succumbed to cancer in October last year. And, at the same time, her own mother also had cancer, which had just been declared in remission. "I went through a terrible period of watching them be sick. It really scared me. It pushed me to try to make a change in my life and not just a physical one. I changed my attitude about everything. Anything I can control in my life I intend to control 100 percent," she maintains.

Though she has slimmed down, Price music lovers need not worry.

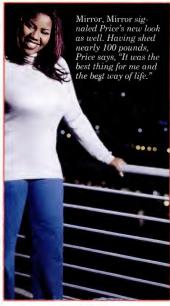


▲ Price performs during a concert in Chicago. When Price released her first CD, The Soul Of A Woman, in 1998, she was an instant hit with the soul-stirring tune Friend Of Mine.

Her music is still bold and big. "It hasn't changed my voice in any way, but I have a lot more energy on stage when I perform," she observes.

Price knows no boundaries as a performer. She's won fame as a songwriter, working with such artists as Brandy, Mary J. Blige, Brian Mc-Knight, and Aretha Franklin.

"It's important to know how to do other things besides sing in this business for longevity," explains Price, who performed with Whitney Houston and Faith Evans on the Grammynominated tune *Heartbreak Hotel*. "You always have to have a backup plan, especially in the music business



because the winds change so frequently and when they change, they change fast."

With a new album and a new look, Price is just getting warmed up. She recently started her own record label, Big Mama Records, and is looking forward to working with Sasha Allen, an 18-year-old Harlem native, who she says "sounds like a younger me."

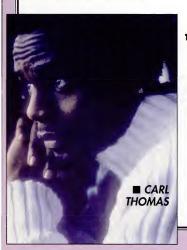
Price is excited about the new label. The name says it all for her.

Laughs Price, "I'm big mama. I don't care how big or how small I am, I'm going to be big mama because that's my house and we're doing it my way."

### top20singles



**■ TONI BRAXTON** 



1. HE WASN'T MAN ENOUGH Toni Braxton (LaFace)

2. I WISH Carl Thomas (Bad Boy)

3. SEPARATED Avant (Magic Johnson)

4. COUNTRY GRAMMAR Nelly (Fo' Reel)

> 5. WOBBLE WOBBLE 504 Boyz (No Limit)

> > 6. SHACKLES Mary Mary (Columbia)

7. SAME SCRIPT, DIFFERENT CAST
Whitney Houston & Deborah Cox (Arista)

8. I WANNA KNOW Joe (Jive)

> 9. TRY AGAIN Aaliyah (Blackground)

10. MARIA MARIA Santana Featuring The Product G&B (Arista)

> 11. READY N-Toon (Dreamworks)

12. MONICA

Before Dark (RCA)

13. WHISTLE WHILE YOU TWURK
Ying Tang Twins (Collipark)

14. WHOA! Black Rob (Bad Boy)

15. WIFEY Next (Arista)

16. YOU OWE ME Nas Featuring Ginuwine (Columbia)

> 17. PARTY UP DMX (Ruff Ryders)

18. LET'S GET MARRIED

Jagged Edge (So So Def)

19. BIG PIMPIN'
Jay-Z Featuring UGK (Roc-A-Fella)

20. THONG SONG Sisqo (Dragon)



### television



#### 'City Of Angels'

Blair Underwood and Vivica A. Fox star in this medical drama about the professional and personal lives of the doctors and nurses at Los Angeles' Angels Of Mercy Hospital. Underwood is the acting chief of surgery, and Fox is the medical director. Also starring are Maya Rudolph, T.E. Russell, Hill Harper, Michael Warren and Viola Davis on "City Of Angels," (Thursday, July 13 at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS. Others scheduled to appear this week include:

Michael Michele/Eriq LaSalle on "ER," (Thursday, July 13 at 10 p.m., ET)

on NBC.

Bill Cosby on "Kids Say The Darndest Things," (Friday, July 14 at 8 p.m.,

ET) on CBS.

Trina Davis-McGee on "Boy Meets World," (Friday, July 14 at 8:30 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Clarence Gilyard on "Walker, Texas Ranger," (Saturday, July 15 at

9 p.m., ET) on CBS.

**Della Reese** on "Touched by an Angel," (Sunday, July 16 at 8 p.m., ET) on CBS.

LisaGay Hamilton/Steve Harris on "The Practice," (Sunday, July 16 at 10 p.m., ET) on ABC.

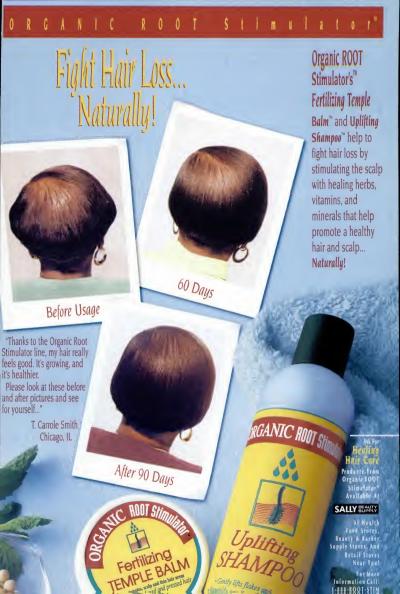
Jesse L. Martin/S. Epatha Merkerson on "Law & Order," (Monday, July 17 at 9 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Coby Bell/Michael Beach on "Third Watch," (Monday, July 17 at 10 p.m., ET) on NBC.

James McDaniel/Henry Simmons on "NYPD Blue," (Tuesday, July 18 at 10 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Gervase Peterson on "Survivor," (Wednesday, July 19 at 8 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Victoria Dillard/Michael Boatman on "Spin City," (Wednesday, July 19 at 9:30 p.m., ET) on ABC.





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Lucky for us
lactose-intolerant
folks, there's
lactose-free milk.
It's available
everywhere, and
it has all the calcium
of regular milk.
Good thing. I'm here
to crack you up —
not myself.

